

and maintained by the clergy alone. I will not enlarge to you, upon the colleges of Montreal and Quebec, those ancient and munificent establishments, which are an honour to science and literature, and for which we are indebted to the established Roman Catholic clergy of those two cities, alone; long since have the noble founders, the learned teachers, and the generous patrons of those institutions, deserved and received, the just reward of our sincerest praise, and our most lively gratitude.— But look at the college of Nicolet, which has risen into existence in our own time, raised as it were by enchantment, in the midst of the woods of Canada, and, like those vast trees, which are found in them, the monarchs of the forest, and the asylum of the birds of heaven, contains under its extensive shade, an interesting multitude of the off-spring of those families, which, dispersed at a distance from our cities, would otherwise have been deprived of all means of education for their progeny. Do we not owe this useful and costly institution, to the indefatigable zeal of our Catholic bishops? Look again, at the college of Yamaska, that extensive edifice, which we owe to the liberality and philanthropy of a single individual the humble curate of Yamaska. Look at those flourishing institutions for the education of youth, at Boucherville, at Valenues, and in so many other parishes * Do they not all testify the falsehood of those imputations, thrown upon our clergy? and do they not, on the contrary, prove that there is no class of society, that has displayed equal zeal, and has made equal exertions, for diffusing the benefits of education, throughout the country? Gentlemen, I appeal to all our fellow-citizens, I appeal to yourselves, to those who know how many from amongst our clergy, do not only devote their parochial revenues, but likewise sacrifice part of their private fortunes, to accomplish these noble purposes."

"But it is time I should conclude. However fertile the subject, I have been compelled to run over it in a cursory and rapid manner; nor have I been able to collect and present to you, the flowers, and blossoms, that offered themselves in my path.— I must leave to better pencils than mine, to finish the picture, of which I have only been able to give a rude sketch which I finish, by repeating the sentiment as given by our honourable president. May the catholic bishop of Quebec, and his clergy, be forever maintained in all their rights and privileges. Such is the desire of every Canadian."

* After this detail, let the British inhabitants of Canada, think of the McGill legacy, and yet unborn university, and blush!